

VOLUNTEER REGIMENTS

All of the New Recruits to Leave for Manila.

WILL GO AT ONCE

Such is the Statement by Secretary Root.

DAILY GOSSIP AT WASHINGTON

No Peace Plans Known or Heard of at the National Capital—Dynamite Guns to be Used to "Throw Earthquakes"—The Cuban Census.

WASHINGTON, August 24.—Secretary Root returned to Washington from Plattsburg last evening, and in speaking of the Philippine policy said with emphasis:

"Every mother's son in the 23 volunteer regiments will eat his Christmas dinner at or near Manila. I issued a statement in an evening paper today to the effect that the last 10 regiments were to be held in this country as a reserve. That is not true, and such an impression should not be permitted to go out. Those troops will be forwarded to the Philippines as fast as possible."

With the President.

The secretary was immediately joined by Adjutant General Corbin, but he interrupted their conference to receive half a dozen correspondents. When asked as to the nature of the subjects discussed with the president at Lake Champlain Secretary Root said:

"They were such matters as ordinarily would be considered at a cabinet meeting. They were matters of detail rather than broad policies. There were no startling innovations, and the press will lose no important news by my failure to tell you what they were."

One of the yellow journals of the east announced this morning that the president and his secretary of war had discussed a mysterious scheme for the capture of Aguinaldo, as though that had not been one of the prime objects of the late campaign north of Manila. Secretary Root was much amused when told of this story, and said:

"That reminds me of a statement I saw in another paper today. It read like this: 'In the absence of all those who took part in the conference it is impossible at this time to give an accurate account of what took place.' It struck me that was a pretty frank confession of ignorance for a modern newspaper to make." And the secretary laughed heartily at the joke on the newspaper men.

No New Peace Plans.

The secretary was asked whether there was any truth in the rumors that negotiations looking toward peace had been renewed by the Filipinos. He answered:

"If there are such negotiations I know nothing of them."

Secretary Root insisted there was no important mystery concealed in his visit to the president.

While he was reluctant to speak specifically of the rumors that General Otis is to be relieved, he plainly intimated to the newspaper men that they should not give the rumors credence. Several days ago he said positively that General Otis would not be displaced, that General Merritt would not be sent to Manila, and that responsibility in the Philippines would not be divided. He indicated that military operations would be prosecuted in the Philippines with the greatest possible vigor as soon as climatic conditions would permit, and he was especially desirous that the impression should not go out that the government was in any sense playing a bluff on the enemy.

The secretary said he brought back

with him the president's proclamation directing the taking of a census in Cuba. He will forward it to General Brooke at Havana.

Mr. Root says satisfactory progress is being made in the raising of funds for the relief of Porto Rico. He has been advised of cash contributions of about \$50,000, besides large quantities of supplies of various kinds.

Dynamite Guns.

Twelve dynamite guns are soon to be shipped to Manila to "throw earthquakes" among the rebellious Filipinos. The war department has already borrowed a dozen of Colt rapid-fire guns from the navy department, and the army will be given a large number of this sort of weapons. The dynamite guns are said to be the most destructive small caliber artillery in use, and the government will employ them on the theory that the best way to shorten the war is by increasing its terrors for the enemy.

The authorities intend to profit by the experience of other nations that have had similar wars in tropical Asia and Africa. A special study is to be made of their methods of organizing and managing light batteries operating among mountains and jungles, and First Lieutenant Mervyn O. Buckey of the 8d artillery has been selected for that duty.

PENNSYLVANIA REPUBLICANS

Meet and Name Candidates for Judges Today.

Senator Quay Present—Speech and Platform.

HARRISBURG, PA, August 24.—The Republican state convention today nominated Col. James Barnett of the 10th regiment for state treasurer; J. Hay Brown of Lancaster, for supreme court judge, and Josiah B. Adams of Philadelphia for superior court judge.

Senator Quay was present. Chris Magee was absent being seriously ill. The convention was called to order by Chairman Elkin and Senator Penrose was elected temporary chairman. On assuming the gavel he made an address touching on the prosperity of the country and the strength of the treasury in spite of the foreign war expenses; the strategic importance of the Philippines, both navally and commercially. He ridiculed the "bugaboo of imperialism" and said he looked for no difficulty in regulating the island, which have fallen to us, consistently with our own precedents and principles of constitutional liberty, and that we would extend to them the largest measure of free government practicable. He urged the renomination of President McKinley.

The Platform.

The platform congratulates the country on the results of the campaign of 1896; the establishment of a sound currency securing proper protection to American industries; the election of that champion of the common people, William McKinley; declares that every promise has been fulfilled; says that the "business of the country is active and remunerative; labor employed at good and increasing wages; that capital has an ample field for investment and that an era of unexampled prosperity has been inaugurated. It strongly endorses the McKinley administration and calls for his renomination in 1900; reaffirms the St. Louis platform; declares for the maintenance of the gold standard; opposes the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1; renews allegiance to the policy of protection; endorses McKinley's policy in Cuba and Porto Rico, and promises him "faithful support in the prosecution of the war in the Philippines in order that the supremacy of the flag planted there by the valor of our army and navy may be maintained;" supports the policy of industrial, commercial and national expansion and the completion of the isthmian canal.

Society Night Is Friday night. A big show every night. Free to all going out on the cars.

FIGHT FOR MONEY

Cuban Soldiers Left Off the List Get Desperate.

Join in Mob Violence at Cuevitas.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, August 24.—Five men are dead and ten wounded as a result of a fight between gendarmes and disappointed Cuban soldiers, at Cuevitas, three miles from Santiago, where the payment of the Cuban troops is progressing. Five thousand Cubans had gathered there to receive pay, and after three days only 580 had been paid. Thousands who had been disappointed at other points had come to Cuevitas, as the last place of payment in the province.

The imperfect list causes great dissatisfaction, and a rumor circulated that the paymasters would leave yesterday alarmed the men who had not been paid. They began to collect in groups and to show their annoyance. Finally, their threats became serious.

Captain Bialist, with 20 gendarmes, was present to preserve order among the applicants, and the United States troops protected Colonel Moale, the officer having charge of the payments. Suddenly Captain Bialist, who was mounted, was surrounded by a mob, struck by stones and bottles and shot in the arm. His men promptly fired a volley into the mob, three persons being instantly killed and thirteen wounded, two of whom died.

Colonel Moale's guard promptly surrounded the money office, but took no part in the fighting.

For a few minutes there was a lively conflict, carbines and machetes being used freely. Captain Bialist was the only gendarme wounded. All the dead were colored Cuban soldiers.

Yesterday payment was resumed under a heavy guard. There are rumors that a force is being organized to attack the pay offices, but these are probably unfounded.

General Castillo, civil governor of Santiago de Cuba, was at Cuevitas at the time and soon restored order.

There is no doubt that the inaccurate list will cause a great deal of hardship. Many veterans have valiantly followed the United States commissioners for six weeks, only to find that their names are not listed. General Leonard Wood, military governor, does not anticipate serious trouble.

MISSISSIPPI TICKET.

JACKSON, MISS., August 24.—The Democratic state convention today named the following ticket: Governor, A. H. Longino; lieutenant governor, J. T. Harrison; secretary of state, J. L. Powers; attorney general, Monroe McClure; auditor, W. O. Cole; treasurer, Robert Stouts; superintendent of education, H. L. Whitfield.

NOT A CANDIDATE.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 24.—Mayor Thomas Taggart has definitely announced that he would not accept a renomination at the Democratic convention next Saturday. He gives ill health as the reason. His announcement is a great disappointment to the party leaders. It is impossible now to forecast the nominee.

HALE'S DISCHARGE.

WASHINGTON, August 24.—An order has been issued honorably discharging Brigadier General Irving Hale, formerly colonel of the 1st Colorado, who arrived at San Francisco from the Philippines yesterday.

BASE BALL

AUGUST 23. St. Louis 8-7, Chicago 7-12. Pittsburgh 5-3, Cincinnati 3-5. Louisville 13, Cleveland 3.

THE WEATHER.

CHICAGO, August 24.—Illinois: Fair tonight and Friday, except thunder storms in the southeast this afternoon or tonight, cooler tonight; variable winds.

IT IS WAR ACTION

English Army Officers and Men Go to Capetown.

Kruger's Reply Not at All Pleasing.

SOUTHAMPTON, August 24.—The steamer Arundel Castle has sailed with 30 officers and 770 men of the various regiments for Cape Town.

To the Front.

GIBRALTAR, August 24.—The Manchester regiment has sailed for Cape Town.

Kruger's Answer.

LONDON, August 25.—All England is waiting for the publication of President Kruger's dispatch in reply to the proposals of the British government. It is now before the cabinet. Reuter persists in the assertion that his forecast of the dispatch is correct.

According to him, the Transvaal government refuses absolutely to consent to a joint commission of inquiry. It offers, however, by way of compromise, a five years' franchise law for the benefit of the uitlanders, together with the right to vote for president and provision for eight new seats in the raad.

Among the new conditions that Reuter says Kruger stipulates is the abandonment of British suzerainty. The other questions in issue the Transvaal is willing to submit to arbitration. The arbiters, however, are to be Boers and Englishmen. The Transvaal insists, too, that England shall make it clearly understood that her present interference shall not constitute a precedent.

It seems hardly credible that the Boer government has had the effrontery to propose the abolishment of British suzerainty. Yet, in view of former proposals, shown in the blue book, it is possible that Kruger has made such a proposition.

But it is absolutely certain that England could not accept such a condition. Mr. Chamberlain's decision on that point has already been most definitely stated.

The anti-Kruger papers continue to regard the situation most seriously. They urge that the Boers' offer of settlement should be most carefully weighed and examined.

Cape Town cablegrams quote the Cape Times as expressing the hope that the attempts to land ammunition for the Transvaal at Cape ports will be resisted by Schreiner.

One British firm, taxed with supplying Mauser cartridges to the Transvaal, denies the charge indignantly, though the members suspect that some firm is carrying out such contracts.

The Reserves.

DURBAN, NATAL, August 24.—Men belonging to the British first class reserve force have been ordered to hold themselves in readiness to rejoin their regiments.

Ready to Fight.

JOHANNESBURG, August 24.—At a meeting of 20 Germans, a committee was appointed to inform the Transvaal government that the Germans were willing to volunteer for service in case of war.

Salisbury and the Queen.

LONDON, August 24.—Premier Salisbury spent the afternoon and evening with the queen. It is believed the grave situation in the Transvaal matter was the cause of the conference.

PANA TRAGEDY

To Come Up Next Week in Taylorville Court.

PANA, ILL., August 24.—Mrs. Emma Brunot, who, together with her son, Henry Brunot, and Fred Sibley, is incarcerated in the county jail charged with the murder of Mrs. Brunot's sister Jane, state that another man, prominent in Assumption business circles, was implicated in the deed. The trial comes up next week in the circuit court. Emma Brunot has mortgaged her farm to the

attorneys for her defense. Indiana relatives are here endeavoring to prove her insanity.

Jane Brunot was shot through the head and thrown in an abandoned well on the Brunot farm, four miles north of this city, March 18 last. Young Brunot instructed them as to the disposition of the dead body. It is thought the severest penalty will be dealt out to the trio.

Sibley again attempted suicide by eating crushed glass.

HARD FIGHTS AT DUBUQUE

Chance to Witness a Round of Ring Events This Month.

Choynski and Jimmy Ryan to Meet.

DUBUQUE, IOWA, August 24.—Joe Choynski, light-heavyweight champion of the world, was today matched to fight Australian Jimmy Ryan, on the first night of the Dubuque Athletic association's carnival, next Tuesday. This battle takes the place of the one scheduled between Byers and Root. It was quite a job to bring the men together, but difficult as it was, the financial inducements were such that neither man could well decline, and both are now traveling towards the Key City.

Australian Jimmy Ryan is coming from Coney Island and Joe Choynski is speeding from Denver. The men are to meet at catch weights and will battle for the light-heavyweight championship of the world, for a purse of \$4000—\$3500 of which will go to the winner and \$500 will go as a solace and balm to the loser. The completed card, as it now stands, reads as follows:

Tuesday, August 29.—Joe Choynski, light-heavyweight champion of the world, vs. Australian Jimmy Ryan, conqueror of George Byers, for the light-heavyweight championship of the world. Forbes vs. Suffield, for the 108-pound championship of the west.

Wednesday, August 30.—Tommy White vs. Eddie Sautry, for the 126-pound championship of the world. Jack Lewis vs. Young Kenny, for the lightweight championship of the west.

Thursday, August 31.—Tommy Ryan vs. Jack Moffat, for the welterweight championship of the world. George Kerwin vs. James Sellers, for the lightweight championship of Iowa.

All contests to be 20 rounds. Seventy-five per cent of the purses to the winners and 25 per cent to the losers. George Siler will referee all contests.

GUERIN IN A CORNER.

PARIS, August 24.—The Guerinites are still holding out at the headquarters of the Anti-Semite League, which has been besieged since August 13 by the authorities as a result of the recent disturbances here. All is quiet, but they have erected a fresh barricade of chairs and tables, soaked with petroleum, from which it is believed the besieged contemplate immolation. The firemen remain constantly on duty outside the building.

MONEY FOUND.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., August 24.—Last Sunday Owen Ward, a veteran of the Mexican war, died at his home at Shipman. While inventorying the effects of their father his children found concealed in the walls and other portions of the dwelling over \$5000 in gold and specie, the savings of Mrs. Ward, who died three months ago.

PETE'S KNOCK OUT

Jackson, the Negro Pugilist, Follows Fitz.

VANCOUVER, B. C., August 24.—Jim Jeffords, the Californian, knocked out Peter Jackson in four rounds. Jeffords had all his own way all through.

A HOT TIME IN FRANCE

Slanders on the Dreyfus Family as to Use of Money.

EXCITING SCENES

In the Court Room Between Labori and Mercier

THE WITNESS IN CONFUSION

And Col. Maurel Leaves the Stand with a Scared Look in His Face—Army Officers Put Up Hands Like School Boys for Permission to Testify.

RENNES, August 24.—At the opening of the Dreyfus case today the evidence given before the court of session by Penot, a friend of the late Colonel Sandherr, had said that the Dreyfus family had offered him 150,000 francs to clear Dreyfus.

Demange disposed of this by reading a note written by Sandherr the same day, showing that Dreyfus' brothers only said: "We are convinced of the innocence of our brother and will spend our entire fortune to discover the truth."

The Evidence.

The testimony of the first witness of the day, Lincolle, a former government official, was in favor of Dreyfus, as he directly contradicted De Breuille, who deposed yesterday regarding the alleged intimacy of Dreyfus with a German attaché at the house of Bodson.

Colonel Maurel, president of the first Dreyfus court martial, was the next witness. As Labori lashed him with pointed questions the colonel hesitated, then answered in a short, choppy manner, and when Labori finally disposed of him the witness left the platform with pale face and a scared look. The counsel drew from the colonel a confession that the secret dossier was communicated to the judges of the court martial of 1894 by Paty De Clam. This avowal produced a sensation and Maurel's declaration that he had only read one of the documents, which had no effect upon him, as his mind and that of the other members of the court was already made up, was nullified by his subsequent declaration that one document was sufficient to convince him.

Searching Questions.

Labori then put a series of searching questions to General Mercier in reference to the communication of the secret dossier to the court martial and his attitude in 1894. The general refused to reply to all the questions and there were sharp passages at arms between the counsel and Jouast, who upheld Mercier, while the dialogue between the general and Labori became acrimonious.

The counsel became very heated, but Mercier seldom departed from the calm demeanor characteristic of him. The lawyer made a strong point on the part Esterhazy played. Mercier said he did not know Esterhazy and only saw him once at the Zola trial.

"That's very interesting," exclaimed Labori. "But surely Mercier was present at the Esterhazy trial?" The general replied that he was not there and knew nothing about the evidence in the Esterhazy prosecution. "What," cried Labori, "Mercier, who is chief accuser of Dreyfus, did not even follow the proceedings in the Esterhazy trial?"

A Strange Scene.

A loud murmur of surprise and indignant comment came from the audience. The counsel then brought Mercier to his assertion that 25,000,000 francs had been spent by the defenders of Dreyfus, and asked him how he knew this, and other awkward questions which the general was unable to answer. Continued on Third Page.

250 TO NIAGARA

The Wabash Excursion
Well Patronized Today.

TEN COACHES FROM HERE

And Other Passengers Will be Taken
Up—Many from Springfield
and Intermediate
Points.

The Wabash excursion to Niagara Falls was well patronized. The excursion train left at 11:30 a. m. There were 10 coaches and a dining car. The passengers were furnished chair cars and will have access to the dining car all the way from Decatur to Niagara. The fare was \$3.50 for the round trip and the tickets are good returning for 15 days.

About 250 tickets were sold from this point. Many persons came from Springfield and intermediate points to go on the excursion and some came all the way from Quincy and many who went were from Decatur. The route is by the Wabash direct to Niagara Falls.

Marriage Licenses.

Adam Stern, Jr., Decatur, 25.
Henretta Reinhold, Decatur, 18.
William J. Muller, Warrensburg, 23.
Florence A. Cress, Warrensburg, 22.
Samuel H. Oxley, Warrensburg, 23.
Maudie W. Schmet, Warrensburg.
John Hiner, Decatur, 23.
Agnes Woodcock, Jourdian, 20.
Roy Brown, Decatur, 24.
Grace Lockett, Decatur, 24.

UNION VETERANS' UNION.

DES MOINES, IOWA, August 24.—Today's session of the Union Veterans' Union national encampment was productive of an earnest debate upon the approval of the administration in the Philippine campaign. It is likely that the administration will be endorsed. A new constitution was adopted. Washington was chosen for the national encampment in 1900. Officers were installed.

Double Wedding.

Miss Florence A. Cress and William J. Miller, and Miss Maudie M. Schmet and Samuel H. Oxley, all of Warrensburg, were married at the parlors of the Huff hotel at 12:30 today. Rev. C. A. Schaaf of Warrensburg officiated. Following the ceremony the wedding party ate dinner at the Huff restaurant.

"Divorced." Daniel Emmett, the author of the famous song "Lixie," which has been played and sung by millions of people is with the Al. G. Field minstrels and will appear at the Grand this season. Emmett is 15 years of age and is still hale and hearty.

Among the out of town shoppers to Decatur today were Mrs. Will Robinson of Warrensburg, Mrs. McGaughey of Mt. Zion, Mrs. E. C. Griffin of Argenta, Mrs. Bradshaw of Maroa, Miss Mary Batchelder of Warrensburg and Mrs. F. L. Graycroft of Elwin.

James Coop, Miss Anna Brown, Robert Birchers, Harry McKinnis and Miss Nell Haven of the Linn & Scruggs store will attend the chicken fry at Macon tonight.

Bernard Spaeth has resigned his position as check boy at Linn & Scruggs and will attend school at either Peru or Quincy this winter.

Mrs. L. E. Dill of the Linn & Scruggs store is confined to her home with an attack of erysipelas.

Miss Irma Imboden has returned from a visit at Maroa.

A. H. Mills delivered an address at the Sunday school convention at Orona today.

Mrs. E. A. Morgan and daughters will return this evening from a visit in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith of Maroa will go to Lyons, Kan., to visit their daughter.

The son of G. W. Brook, living east of the city, is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hart of Monticello are the guests of Mrs. L. Z. Meyers.

The cutting out of the walls between the two Powers buildings to make elevator connections has been commenced and the workmen will finish the improvement as soon as possible.

J. F. Nachbor, general buyer, and C. A. Gilla, head of the domestic and linen department, of the Linn & Scruggs company, have returned from New York city. Mrs. Harrison of the millinery department and A. Merdock of the cloak and suits department will arrive later.

Jim Bailey was taken yesterday to the county poor farm, where he will hereafter be cared for.

The new bowling alleys on East Main street will be opened next week with exhibition games by the Wabash and other good players of the city. It promises to be a gala night. The opposing teams will be evenly matched.

Sold a Lot.
Today Peter Brueck sold for Mrs. Helen Summers lot 11 in block 8 in Belmont Place.

CHANGES MADE

By the Members of the Board of Review Today While in Session.

The following is a portion of the work accomplished by the board of review today:

WESTERN ADDITION.

Block 9—Peter A. Hoffman, lot 7, assessed at \$3750, changed to \$3100; Joseph Starr, lots 8 and 9, from \$3750 to \$3250; W. F. Martin, lot 10, \$3250 to \$5000; E. Reinhardt, part of lot 8, \$2850 to \$2700.
Block 10—John M. Rainey, lot 8, \$2600 to \$2520.
Block 12—T. T. Roberts, lot 8, \$10,000 to \$9000.
Block 8—J. W. Raoe, lot 12, lowered to \$7300.

Block 7—F. M. Pratt, lot 1, \$6000 to \$5500; D. L. Bunn, lots 9 and 10, \$4750 to \$4000.

BANDY'S ADDITION.

Block 2—W. H. Gassaway, lots 1, 3 and 4, \$4850 to \$4200; J. A. Swearingen, lot 5, \$2800 to \$2600; same, lot 6, \$2500 to \$2000.

Block 5—E. Denz, lot 13, \$3500 to \$3000.

Block 7—D. C. Shockley, lots 6, 7 and 8, \$9000 to \$8000; lot 22, \$3800 to \$2000; J. M. Maria, lot 23, \$4500, no change.

SOUTHWESTERN ADDITION.

Block 1—A. Rothfuss, lot 1, \$6000 to \$5500; S. A. Tuttle, part of lot \$4200 to \$3500.

Block 2—George Lower, lot 1, \$3500 to \$3200; Marian A. Wait, half of lot 5, from \$2500 to \$2300.

Block 3—Lot 5, H. Crea, \$1000, raised to \$3500; J. N. Baker, lot 7, \$4000 to \$3750.

Block 4—J. J. Sherman McClelland, parts of lots 1 and 2, \$4000 to \$3600; A. T. Davis, lot 4, \$5000 to \$4800; Hugh Crea, lot 4, \$4000 to \$3500; J. W. Sauer, lot 5, placed at \$5000; E. Sturm, \$1200, raised to \$8500.

Sales of Real Estate.

Maggie D. Hamard to Samuel M. Straily, lot 16 in block 1 of E. B. Durfee's second addition to Decatur, \$700.

Fritz Black to Julia Gresh, lot 7 in block 13 of Carver's addition to Decatur, \$510.

Samuel Gorber et al to Martha Evey, lots 21 and 22 in block 3, of E. D. Carrs, new addition to Argenta; 75.

M'COY-RYAN

N. Y. Club Offers \$10,000
and Share Picture
Receipts.

MOLINE, ILL., August 24.—Tommy Ryan, who is in training in Moline for his fight with Moffat at Dubuque, August 31, received the following telegram from the secretary of the Westchester club, New York city:

"Will give you and McCoy \$10,000 purse and 40 per cent of picture privileges to box 25 rounds last week in September for middleweight championship at Westchester club; weight, 138 pounds at ringside; 75 per cent to winner, 25 per cent to loser. McCoy accepts. Answer."

Ryan said he would accept, though he had expected a purse of \$20,000.

POLICE INVESTIGATION.

A Supposed Case of Assault Which is
Said to Have Occurred Last Night.

The police are investigating a case which came to their notice last night. Shortly before midnight Jennie Garversen, a young woman who has been employed about the city as a domestic, called at police headquarters and made complaint. She said that she had been out driving with a man she did not know and that he had attempted to criminally assault her and then left her out in the country to walk home. The police are endeavoring to locate the man.

DEWEY'S DATE.

NEW YORK, August 24.—The reception committee has received a cablegram from Admiral Dewey that he will arrive here on September 28.

EMPEROR IS SUPREME.

BERLIN, August 24.—The Associated Press learns authoritatively that the emperor has refused to accept the cabinet's resignation. Later, however, a partial reorganization of the ministry will be made.

The Continental Late.

The delay in the arrival of the Continental Limited today—about two hours—was caused by a pair of train trucks leaving the rails in the St. Louis terminal yard. The delay was unavoidable.

BORN.

To Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Reeve of West Main street, on Thursday, August 24, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Boehman of the 1000 block on North Morgan street, on Wednesday, August 23, a daughter.

Old Masty Ale on Draught. "The Peerless."
Pennsylvania lawn mowers, Scovill Co.—4-6-11.

SHOT A BABY

Mistake of a Boy Who
Thought to Scare Tramp

WAYNESVILLE, August 24.—On Monday morning Mr. Barger, who lives some five miles east of town, with his wife left their children at home in charge of their 14 year old daughter and went some distance to a neighbor's to assist in threshing. During the day a tramp appeared and the children becoming frightened the boy—a lad about 10 years old took down his father's gun from its place over the door to scare the tramp away. While going from the house to the road the gun was discharged. The load of shot struck a 20 months' old girl baby. The tramp was unable to find the whereabouts of the parents from the frightened children, so hastened to F. M. Samuels' and told them of the occurrence. In the meantime the other children placed the wounded babe in a baby carriage and wheeled it about a mile to its mother at Mr. Hoathoots'. Dr. L. A. Graham was called by telephone. Upon examination it was found that 25 shot had entered the child's person below the waist. An anesthetic was administered and the greater part of them removed and unless a shot entering near the pit of the stomach causes bad results the child will recover.

JURY STILL OUT.

Case of Day vs Day Came to a Close
This Forenoon—No Verdict Yet.

The case of Day vs. Day, which has been on trial in the county court for the past two days, came to a close this forenoon. The jury retired at 11 o'clock and this afternoon at 3 o'clock had not yet returned a verdict.

Set Fire to a Barn.

Last night some one set fire to the barn in the rear of the Jordan residence on South Main street. There was an old stove wrapped in carpet stored in the barn and a fire was built in the stove. The flames had begun to spread but the fire was discovered and extinguished before much damage was done.

THEFT OF THE HOLY CARPET.

Sacreligious Hands Laid Upon Sacred
Relics of the Prophet at
Paris.

Dispatches from Cairo report that the "holy carpet," once the property of Mohammed, and long guarded with pious care in the Egyptian capital, has fallen into the hands of Bedouins, who attacked a caravan of Egyptian pilgrims while on the desert march between Mecca and Medina. The carpet is usually carried to Medina every year on the great annual pilgrimage from Egypt and is then restored to its keepers. It is one of the most famous relics of the prophet, and the sacrilegious act of the desert nomads will arouse much feeling, particularly in North Africa.

Mecca attracts the faithful from the entire Mohammedan world, but by far the largest part of the pilgrims who visit Medina are natives of Africa. The reason is because Medina is second in sanctity to Mecca, and a visit to the tomb of the prophet at Medina, while highly meritorious, confers no honor nor blessing which is not equaled or surpassed by the holy fruits of the pilgrimage to Mecca; and few non-African devotees have the incentive to incur the sufferings and dangers of the 200-mile march across the sand waste between Mecca and Medina. Of the four orthodox sects of Islam the Malikites are very numerous in North Africa, and a large part of the pilgrims to Medina go there not only to venerate the tomb of the prophet, but also the tomb of the Imam Melek-ibn-Anas, the founder of the Malikite sect.

The bones of thousands of these pilgrims whiten the route across the Arabian sand waste, where they have succumbed to heat and fatigue or to the attacks of Bedouin robbers. This journey has always been among the most trying experiences of the pilgrim band. Some of the Meccans have made fortunes supplying camels and food for the desert journey to and from the northern city. Thirteen years ago a French steamship company spread the news far and wide that thenceforth the perils of the desert march might be avoided. The pilgrims were advised to return from Mecca to Jiddah on the coast, where steamers would await to carry them 200 miles north to Jambou, whence they might make an easy and comfortable journey to Medina. In recent years several thousand pilgrims have employed this easier and cheaper route, but the majority have clung to the old way. The Bedouins who have committed the latest act of sacrilege are nominally Mohammedans, but they neither pray nor give thanks to Allah. They may be trusted to place the highest commercial value upon any sacred relic falling into their hands.—N. Y. Sun.

In His Case, at Least.

Wearry Watkins—I wonder if that guy was right who said worry kills more people than work?

Hungry Higgins—I know it is a heap more liable to kill me.—Indianapolis Journal.

Pronunciation of "Rensselaer."

A great many persons have asked about the pronunciation of "Rensselaer," the town in France made prominent because of the Dreyfus trial. It is pronounced as if spelled Ren.

Old Masty Ale on Draught. "The Peerless."

Closing Sale of
WHITE PIQUE SKIRTS

Perfect Fitting, Well Made,
All Lengths, Less Than the
Price of Yard Goods.

8 doz. Pique Skirts at \$1.00, worth \$2.00.

3 doz. Fine Pique Skirts, trimmed with wide insertion, \$2.95 each, regular price \$5.00.

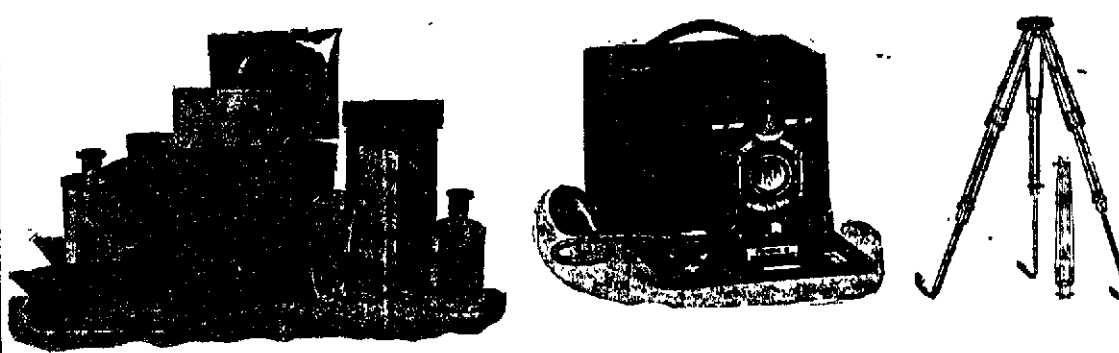
Fine White Lawn Shirt Waists, new fresh goods, a small surplus to close; Shirt Waists worth \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00, to close at \$1.95 each.

50 Black Brocade Brilliantine Dress Skirts, worth \$2.00, for \$1.15.

25 Black and Navy, All Wool, Scotch Cheviot Dress Skirts, light weight fine goods, worth \$5.50, to close at \$3.50 each.

Ladies' All Wool Tan Covert Cloth Light Weight Jackets, lined all through, for \$2.98, worth \$5.00.

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Decatur, Ill.

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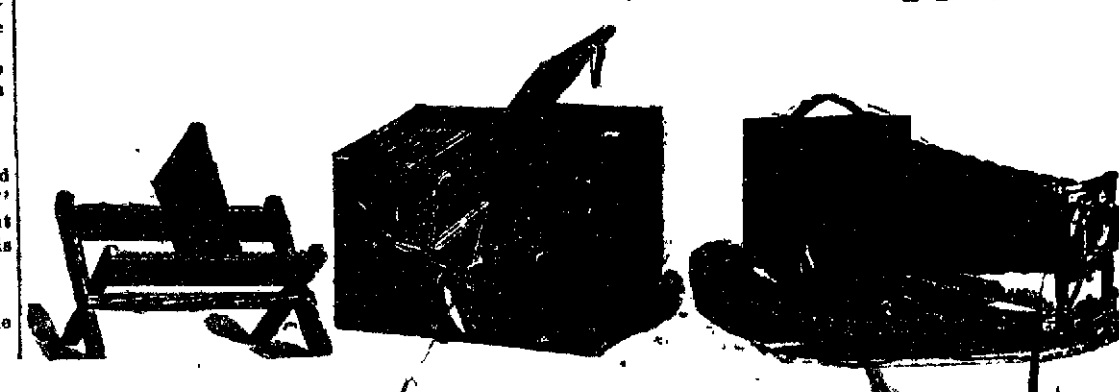
OF ALL KINDS, at Prices Never Heard of Before.

During the preparation for our Annual Contest, which is to take place NOVEMBER 15th, 1899, we will make the following net cash prices on Dry Plates, unless forced to advance our present wholesale prices.

LIST PRICE.		OUR PRICE.	
	Hammer.	SEED 25 X AND ORAMER BANNER.	SEED 25 X AND ORAMER CROWN.
2 x 2	25c	20	20
2 1/2 x 2 1/2	30c	22	23
3 x 3	40c	27	28
3 1/2 x 3 1/2	45c	30	33
4 x 4	50c	35	37
4 1/2 x 4 1/2	55c	40	42
5 x 5	60c	45	47
5 1/2 x 5 1/2	65c	50	52
6 x 6	70c	55	57
6 1/2 x 6 1/2	75c	60	62
7 x 7	80c	65	67
7 1/2 x 7 1/2	85c	70	72
8 x 8	90c	75	77
8 1/2 x 8 1/2	95c	80	82
	1.00	85	87
	1.05	90	92
		95	97
		1.00	1.02
		1.10	1.20

We have a large shipment of cards now being got out by one of the large Eastern manufacturers, which will eclipse any stock ever shown in this part of the state, and at prices you can afford to use nice cards for your work. Come and see us and we will do you good. This is no Old Bar Sale, but Fresh, New Goods, and at the right prices and discount.

W. F. Neisler Drug and Supply Co.

DURING
AUGUST

We will sell the remainder of our Light Weight Suits for Men and Boys
AT VERY LOW PRICES

Men's all wool Cassimere and Cheviot Suits, well made, neat pattern, splendid value at \$5 and \$6, to close, choice at

\$3.90

Men's good Business Suits, in all wool fabrics, neat checks and plain effects, \$7, \$7.50 and \$8.50 suit, your choice at

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Men's Fine Suits—all of surplus stock—in light and dark shades; suits that are all right in every way. Sold at \$10, \$12, \$13.50 and \$15; to close, choice at

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10 pairs of Good Cassimere Pants at \$1.00, choice of 200 pairs of Pants, value up to \$3.50, MEN'S LINEN CRASH SUITS AT HALF PRICE

Boys' Department

Choice of 150 suits, ages 3 to 7—reffer—value up to \$4.00. Choice at

Special Sale of Two-Piece Suits, ages 7 to 15—At

BOYS' WASH SUITS at 50c, 75c, \$1.00

OTTENHEIMER &

The Reliable Clothiers, Hatters and Masonic Temple Building

HUTCHIN & H

WILL GIVE

\$10 In Cash Pr

For the Voting Coupons as published by the M. Remember each coupon will be good for only one vote. Must be brought to our store within that time after its date of issue and before 6 o'clock p. m.

FIRST PRIZE—\$5.00 in cash for the largest number of voting coupons published by The M. August 23, 1899, to Sept. 10, 1899.

SECOND PRIZE—\$3.00 in cash for the next largest number of voting coupons.

THIRD PRIZE—\$2.00 in cash for the next largest number of voting coupons.

Read what we have to say about the "Kulture" shoe.

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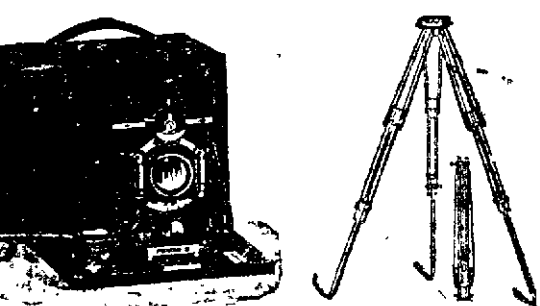
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\$1.20	1.32

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LOCAL NEWS.

Caldwell's street carriages, 15 cents
to any part of the city. Leave orders
at Greider's Restaurant, old telephone
No. 1831.—mch31-dtf

Smoke the Little Joker—5 cent cigar
If you are in need of footwear
Rodgers & Clark's ad will certainly
interest you.—28-dtf

You pay a little more for the clothes
that Denz makes but—

For the Urbana Chautauqua at
Urbana, Ill., the Illinois Central will
on August 20 and 27, sell tickets to
Champaign and return at rate of 75c,
limited to return on day of sale. W.
R. Smith, ticket agent; T. Penitwell,
City Ticket Agent.—18-dtf

If you want plastering done call on
the Decatur Hard Plastering Co.
Laying of sidewalks a specialty, using
the best quality of cement Perry &
Oren.—may 16-dtf

Take the fine through car to Phila-
delphia via the Vandalia-Pennsylvania
Lines. 1-843

Smoke the Little J. Guaranteed to
contain no artificial flavor.—1-dtf

Granite and marble monuments of
new and fine designs. Iron reservoir
vases very handsome, at Grindol &
Son's, corner East Main and Franklin
streets.—may 16-dtf

Regardless of reports to the contrary
the Vandalia-Pennsylvania Lines will
furnish an elegant through back,
reversible seat coach to Philadelphia
account G. A. R. Encampment. See
Millsapugh before making your ar-
rangements. 18-43

"I had a running, itching sore on
my leg. Suffered tortures. Doan's
Ointment took away the burning and
itching instantly and quickly effected
permanent cure." C. W. Leinhardt,
Bowling Green, Ohio. Sold by all
druggists.

"I hear you have a wide acquaint-
ance," some one remarked to Con-
gressman Allen of Mississippi. "Well,
yes," replied the humorist. "I should
say that Barnes weighs 300 pounds."

Still They Go.

The big crowds still go to Riverside
park to see Fred O.'s Rig free show.
The show this week is certainly a fine
one and pleases everybody. The circus
acts are just what the people wanted
for a change. There will be a change
in the program tonight. It is free.
You pay for the car ride, that is all.

A Benefit

On Thursday, August 31, the Mac-
bees Lodge, No. 130, will take a benefit
at Riverside park. Fred O. will put
on the show and will give a big one.
The show will start at 8 and run till
10 o'clock. The members of the Lodge
will wait on you with tickets. They
will be 15 cents each. That includes
the car ride and the show ticket. Re-
member, August 31.

Elegant Through Car

To Philadelphia via the Vandalia Line,
to the G. A. R. Encampment. See
Millsapugh and make your arrange-
ments. 18-43

It Helped Win Battles.

Twenty-nine officers and men wrote
from the front today that for scratches,
bruises, cuts, wounds, sore feet and
stiff joints, Bucklen's Arnica Salve is
the best in the world. Same for Burns,
skin eruptions and Piles. 25c a box.
Cure guaranteed. Sold by J. E. King
and C. F. Shilling, druggists.

The man who is weighted down
with years is under age.

Home Visitors' Excursions to Indiana
and Ohio Points, Sept. 14th, 1899.

The Indiana, Decatur and Western
railway will, on Thursday, September
14, 1899, sell home visitors tickets to
Cincinnati, Dayton, Toledo, Spring-
field, Columbus, Sandusky, Ohio, and
Louisville, Ky., and to other inter-
mediate points, and return, at very
low rates, less than one fare for the
round trip. For rates, time of trains,
tickets, etc., call on any I. D. & W.
Ry. ticket agent or address John S.
Lazarus, General Passenger Agent,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Always try for the best, prepare for
the worst and bear with equanimity
the outcome, whatever it may be.

Story of a Slave.

To be bound hand and foot for years
by the chains of disease is the worst
form of slavery. George D. Williams,
of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a
slave was made free. He says: "My
wife has been so helpless for five years
that she could not turn over in bed
alone. After using two bottles of Klen-
dine she is wonderfully improved
and able to do her own work." This
supreme remedy for female diseases
quickly cures nervousness, sleepless-
ness, melancholy, headache, backache,
fainting and dizzy spells. This miracle
working medicine is a godsend to weak,
sickly, run-down people. Every bottle
guaranteed. Only 50 cents. Sold by
J. E. King and C. F. Shilling.

Daniel Lamont's private fortune is
now said to reach \$5,000,000.

The Most Fatal Disease.

More adults die of kidney trouble
than of any other disease. When the
first symptoms of this disease appear,
no time should be lost in getting Klen-
dine Cure, which is guaranteed or
money refunded. 50-100. H. W. Bell,
N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

The Duchess of Bedford is said to be
the best hunter of any woman in Eng-
land. She is also a good angler.

Bring Your
REPAIRING

to us to be neatly
done.

JOHN LINQUIST,
the Artistic Shoe-
maker, is with us

Remember
Bert J. Hardy
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HUTCHIN
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Shoers of the
Whole People
Acknowledged Fitters of
the Feet.
139 North Water St.
FREE SHINES.
New Phone 666.

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PREFERS HER HERO.

Kansas Girl Gives Up \$50,000 to
Wed Her Soldier Lover.

Out Of In Her Father's Will If She
Persist in Marrying the Man
of Her Choice—
Love Wins.

Miss Agnes Derry values Private John
Kenny, a Twentieth Kansas hero, at
more than \$50,000. She has relin-
quished that sum in order that she may
become the wife of the crippled soldier
boy who followed the fortunes of the
intrepid Punton in the Philippines.
Kenny came home the other day and
found his sweetheart faithful to him,
and they will shortly be married.

Considering the hardships which Miss
Derry has undergone, there is wonder
that she has not given him up long ago.
When Private Kenny enlisted and went
away the girl's father heard that they
were to be married when he came back,
so he sent the girl away and no one
knew her address, that the soldier in
far-away lands might not know but that
she had committed suicide, deserted his
or married another.

But finally Miss Derry escaped from
her watchers and wrote a letter to the
soldier telling him all about her
troubles. Then came a long letter from
him, which the father captured. He
went to his daughter and told her she
would be thrown out of his house un-
less she quit writing to Kenny, and
that if they were married he would
disinherit her. But this did no good.

They kept up communication, and late-
ly the old man died. The girl is out
in his will if she marries Kenny, who
is wounded and unable to earn a living.
The fortune she will lose is over \$50,000,
but the engagement of the couple has
been announced just the same.

ASTOR WILL PROBABLY WED.

Announcement of His Engagement to
Lady Randolph Churchill
Is Expected Soon.

It is generally believed that the act
of W. W. Astor in becoming a British
subject will be followed before long
by the announcement of his engage-
ment to Lady Randolph Churchill, for-
merly Miss Jennie Jerome, of New
York.

Having been naturalized under the
general act of 1870, Mr. Astor's children
—Waldorf Astor, John Jacob Astor and
Miss Pauline Astor—become British
subjects also.

Mr. Astor intended to obtain natu-
ralization by means of a special act
of parliament, but was warned that such
procedure was very unusual and would
in all probability evoke opposition.
His application, therefore, proceeded in
the regular manner of petitioning the
home secretary, setting forth that he
had resided in the United Kingdom for
five years and desired to become a
British subject and intended to reside
in England. He paid the following fees:
Twenty-five dollars on receiving the
certificate of naturalization, \$2.50 for a
copy of the certificate, \$2.50 for his reg-
istration, \$50 in counsel fees, total, \$80.

Forty-three other persons were in the
list with Mr. Astor, nearly all of them
being German, Russian and Polish
Jews. There were no other Americans.
The only other name of prominence
was that of Miss Alice Charlotte de
Rothschild, daughter of Lord Roths-
child.

OLD MAN DIGS HIS GRAVE.

Tombstones and Coffins Are Also in
Readiness When the
End Comes.

John McGrew, an eccentric old bac-
elor, residing near Richard Center,
Ind., has aroused considerable interest
in himself over the preparations he has
made for his death.

McGrew is 65 years old and resides in
a lonely cabin on a acre of ground that
he purchased years ago. He works at
all sorts of odd jobs and manages to
make a living. For the last several
weeks he has been at work in a country
cemetery a short distance from his
home, and it was discovered that he had
dug his own grave and boarded it up.

At the head of it he erected a headstone
on which he had been working for a
long time. It is an odd piece of marble
that had been lying around the ceme-
tery a long time. Over this he placed
a wooden hood, so that no one can see
what he has written upon it. His coffin
has been built for some time and is
stored away in an attic at his home.

The neighbors will allow no one to dis-
turb old McGrew, so he goes about com-
pleting the preparations for his final
taking off.

LOST IN UNDERGROUND RIVER

Mystery of a Laborer's Disappear-
ance While Digging a Minne-
sota Well.

Harry Hurl, a farmer living five miles
east of Stephen, Minn., came to town
the other day and reported that while
two of his hired men were digging a
well on his farm and had got down to
the depth of 44 feet the bottom sud-
denly fell in, one of the men was
thrown into a well of water and dis-
appeared and has not been seen or heard
of since. The ground was giving away un-
der him caught on to the rope that was
used in hoisting the dirt up and was
drawn to the top. Mr. Hurl then got a
rope and chain about 100 feet long and
attached a weight to it and dropped it
in this well, but it did not touch bot-
tom, but was washed rapidly down,
showing that a large body of water was
underneath.

New Fuel.

In Belgium a new fuel has been in-
vented, called "vesuve," made of peat
and rosin.

During the civil war, as well as in
our late war with Spain, diarrhoea was
one of the most troublesome diseases
our army had to contend with. In
many instances it became chronic and
the old soldiers still suffer from it. Mr.
David Taylor, of Wind Ridge, Greene
county, Pa., is one of these. He uses
Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Di-
arrhoea Remedy and says he never
found anything that would give him
such quick relief. It is for sale by J.
E. King and C. F. Shilling.

So far the reports from the Eastern
Star picnic, which are in, show that
the ladies cleared \$158. One commit-
tee has not been heard from and it is
thought that the total amount cleared
will reach \$175 at least.

"Foley's Kidney Cure has been tested
and found to be all you claim for it. I
have been giving it to my father and it
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PERSONAL

—Mrs. James Beatty has returned
from Atlantic City.

—R. S. Bohon and daughter Cecil
are the guests of Kentucky relatives.

—Dr. C. R. Smith of Boody was in
the city today.

—Miss Mayme Vaughan has returned
from Taylorville.

—Mrs. H. A. Wallace and Miss Lyl
Stevens left today for New York.

—Miss Ella Reeve has returned from
a visit of four weeks at Anna.

—Frank Logan, who has been ill of
malaria, is better.

—Miss Irene Wood has gone to
Forest to visit friends.

—Guy Scovill is confined to his
home by illness.

—Mrs. William Dove of 327 North
Broadway is ill with typhoid fever.

—Mrs. Lulu Laudy is at Taylorville
visiting her sisters, Mrs. E. R. Curtis
and Mrs. Joe Grantham.

—E. C. Palmer of Chicago is visit-
ing his sister, Mrs. J. W. Osgood of
West Macon street.

The funeral of Mrs. Hithcock,
mother of Mrs. Charles Montgomery,
was held at Aurora today. Mr. Mont-
gomery went to Aurora on Wednesday.

—Mrs. Arthur Smith and son Robert
have returned from a visit with Mrs.
Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. V.
Cumming of Farmer City.

—Secretary Harry Patterson left to-
day for Elmwood for a week's vaca-
tion. Ralph Mills will have charge of
the Y. M. C. A. rooms during his
absence.

—B. Wilbur Cormau, advertising
manager for the Linn & Sorngs com-
pany, will leave for New York Sat-
urday night on business, and will be
absent several days.

—Owen Scott has leased the Dr.
Hoskins property on West Prairie
street and will take possession October
1. The house was last occupied by W.
A. Garrett.

—Among the guests from out of
town who will attend the Brown-
Lockett wedding this evening are Mr.
and Mrs. R. V. Cumming of Farmer
City and Dr. Tyler of Clinton. Miss
Williams of Paris is also expected.

—Mrs. J. G. Ellis and sons Meryle
and Homer accompanied by Mrs.
Ellis' mother, Mrs. M. M. Brown of
Cerro Gordo left today for Clarendon,
Pa., Niagara Falls, Buffalo and other
eastern points.

—Lynn M. Barnes, son of Dr. and
Mrs. Ira Barnes, has arrived in Deca-
tur to spend his vacation. Mr. Barnes
finished his third year at the Howard
Medical College at Boston and since
the close of school has been practicing
in the Children's hospital at Boston.
He will remain in Decatur until the
latter part of September, when he
will return to finish his course.

Modern Woodmen at Green Valley.

Attorney W. H. Black returned last
night from Green Valley, where he
delivered an address at the Modern
Woodman picnic held at that place
yesterday. The picnic was attended
by about 3000 people and a wedding on
the platform at noon was an interest-
ing feature. The happy couple were
Miss Minnie Banta and Albert Cham-
pion. Rev. Thomas Stevenson per-
formed the ceremony. The couple
were given a cooking range valued at
\$60 as a reward for the public cere-
mony. The Woodmen cleared about
\$180.

Mr. Black made a speech at the
Woodman picnic at Aetna, Oles county,
today.

Hand Injured.

David Sanders, a drayman engaged
in hauling the supplies to the new
bowling alley on East Main street,
had the end of the fourth finger of his
right hand cut nearly off this morning
by a heavy piece which slipped and
fell on his hand. He was taken to the
office of Dr. Everett J. Brown in the
Millikin building, where the dismem-
bered finger was sewed together and
the wound dressed.

G. A. R. Philadelphia excursion
September 1, 2, 3 and 4 via Vandalia
Line. Elegant through car will leave
Decatur at 7:40 a

PUT TO THE TEST.

Decatur People Appreciate a Good Thing.

Everybody has their hour of trouble. But people having any itches of the skin. Have many hours of trouble. Nothing so annoying. Nothing so irritating. Nothing so itchy. Nothing so scratchy. It becomes worse. Leave it alone and you can hardly stand the misery. Itches come in many forms. Eczema and horrid itching piles. Relief and cure are here at last. Decatur has put it to the test. Doan's Ointment cures every form of itching of the skin.

People at home are learning that this is so. Here is a proof in a citizen's statement:

Mrs. D. M. Fielding of 538 East William street, says: "For years I had eczema or a humor, the itching of which at times was almost insupportable, especially at night. I tried many different remedies but got no relief until I used Doan's Ointment. The first application relieved the itching and I continued the treatment for some time with the most satisfactory results. Doan's Ointment is the best remedy I ever used for my trouble. My husband is now using Doan's Kidney Pills, which he used with the greatest benefit."

Doan's Ointment for sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Mailed by Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Sole agents for the United States. Remember the name Doan's and take no substitute.

WILL INVESTIGATE.

Water and Light Committee Will See What Can Be Done for Sattley Works

The water and light committee met this afternoon and with Mayor Stadler will visit the Sattley Manufacturing Co.'s plant and see what can be done in the way of furnishing better fire protection. The city was asked to put in more fire plugs so that there would be a better water supply in case of fire. There is not much money in the water and light fund and if some arrangement can be made with the money there is on hand it will be done, but if the improvement will cost more than the city has to expend the matter will, of course, have to be postponed.

Another matter which the committee will investigate will be that of the water works dam. It is reported that the dam is leaking and the committee will see what can be done.

"DeWitt's Little Early Risers did me more good than all blood medicines and other pills," writes Geo. H. Jacobs, of Thompson, Conn. Prompt, pleasant, never gripe—they cure constipation, arouse the torpid liver to action and give you clean blood, steady nerves, a clear brain and a healthy appetite. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling, East End Drug Store.

WHI Assist.

Secretary Harry Patterson left today for Elmwood, Ill., where he will spend his vacation and assist in the tent meetings which will be conducted at that place by Evangelists Smith and Haasler.

Ralph Mills has taken a position as assistant secretary at the Y. M. C. A. rooms, succeeding Bannus Prater, who will attend the University of Illinois. Mills will be at the Y. M. C. A. for but a short time as he also goes away to college.

Ready for Business.

Harvey Greider has moved his restaurant from Lincoln square to the room on East Main street formerly occupied by Anthony's store. The place has been repaired inside and repainted and decorated and makes a handsome room for a restaurant. Mr. Greider has everything in shape ready for business.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure thoroughly digests food without aid from the stomach, and at the same time heals and restores the diseased digestive organs. It is the only remedy that does both of these things and can be relied upon to permanently cure dyspepsia. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling, East End Drug Store.

Can Get Work.

Men around Decatur who are out of work and who want to find employment can get it by going to Arcola. Decatur men who recently visited that place say that there is plenty of work to be secured on the farm. The farmers are unable to get enough men and pay \$1.25 per day.

Tetter, Eczema and Skin Diseases yield quickly to the marvelous healing qualities of Banner Salve made from prescription of a skin specialist of world wide fame. 25c. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

This Better So.

Harry—Why did you postpone your marriage? Jack—My fiancée has just graduated from a cooking school, and I want to give her time to forget what she has learned.—N. Y. Journal.

Hed Man to Manage.

Jorkins—Mrs. Jasper bosses her husband in everything, and yet they say she is not satisfied.

Perkins—No, she complains that she is overworked.—Town Topics.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure cures dyspepsia because its ingredients are such that it can't help doing so. The public can rely upon it as a master remedy for all disorders arising from imperfect digestion. James M. Thomas, M. D., in America's Journal of Health, N. Y. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling, East End Drug Store.

A FOX THAT COST \$5,000.

How the Law Regards the Ownership of Wild Beasts—Some Noted Precedents.

In the latter part of the last century foxes were very abundant on Long Island. A man named Post organized a fox hunt one day, and with a company of men with dogs, started a fox, and all were soon in full pursuit, the fox of course running at the top of his speed.

A schoolmaster named Pierson, returning from his daily toil, met the fox "head and head," and saw him run into a dry water hole. Taking a rail from a neighboring fence he attacked the fox, killed it and, throwing it over his shoulder, started for home.

Just at that moment Post, with his retinue of men and dogs, rode up and demanded the animal, a demand that was promptly refused.

"We were chasing that fox and going to kill it," said Post.

"I chased that fox and did kill it," retorted Pierson.

Threats and arguments only made the determination of each party still stronger, Post declaring he would have the fox, cost what it might, and Pierson declaring he would keep that fox or know the reason why.

Post lost no time in commencing a lawsuit in a justice court. There he won the day, and the fox, but that was only a beginning. The case was promptly appealed and went through court after court, up to the highest tribunal of the state. The best counsel were retained on both sides, and what with lawyers' fees, traveling expenses and costs of courts, the expenditures are said to have reached \$5,000. In the court of last resort Pierson won the case, but the court was not unanimous.

Wild animals, said the decision, are the property of no man. They become the property of the first person who captures them and reduces them to possession. If, after being captured, they escape, they at once resume their original condition and become the property of the first one who again reduces them to possession.

This case has always been cited as a precedent since that time. A sportsman shot a quail which fell to the ground wounded, but ran away. Another sportsman pursued and caught it, and the courts decided it was his by the same rule as in the fox case.

A hunter shot a wild goose. The bird fell into the water and swam away. A man having a boat pursued and captured it. The goose was claimed by him, and the courts made his claim good.

A large whale was seen off the shore of Long Island about 30 years ago. Several boats manned by eager whalers were soon in swift pursuit. The whale was "struck" with harpoons. It was also "lanced," and the spouting of blood was sure evidence to whalers that the creature was mortally wounded. As night was coming on and a high wind blowing, the whalers cut loose.

Three days later the dead whale drifted on shore many miles distant, and was taken possession of by parties who discovered it. The whaler who had watched the beach in expectation of its drifting ashore at once claimed it as their property, and commenced a suit in the supreme court for its value, \$3,000. The jury, by direction of the court, gave a verdict for the defendant. The case was appealed to general term and the verdict affirmed, and the case of Pierson versus Post was cited as authority.—Chicago Times-Herald.

BIG CROWD WILL COME.

It is Expected That the Attendance at Band Tournament Will be Large.

It is thought that there will be a big crowd in the city next Sunday when the big band tournament takes place. George Barney, who has been acting as traveling advertiser, has been putting up bills along the roads which will run excursions to the city. About 5000 small bills have been distributed and about the same number of large bills. Barney says that at each place he visited the people said they would send big delegations.

Another Band Coming.

The Watch Factory band of Springfield has been added to the list of bands which will attend the tournament in Decatur on Sunday next. There are now over 300 musicians expected and the Goodman band boys are jubilant over the prospects for one of the best tournaments that has ever been held in the state.

Brown-Lockett Wedding.

The marriage of Miss Grace Lockett and Roy Brown will be celebrated at Miss Lockett's home on West North street this evening at 9:30 o'clock. Dr. W. F. Gilmore of the Grace M. E. church will perform the ceremony. The invitations have been verbal and the wedding will be of an informal nature.

Pile! Pile!

Why be bothered with this annoying complaint when Banner Salve will cure you. 25c. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

Irritating stings, bites, scratches, wounds and cuts soothed and healed by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve—a sure and safe application for tortured flesh. Beware of counterfeits. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling, East End Drug Store.

New Front.

Within a few days workmen will begin the work of putting a new front into the J. W. Rase building at 121 North Water street, occupied by Mrs. Hamsher, the milliner, R. E. Clory, the jeweler, and R. C. Augusting, the optician. The new front will be of modern style with the single door entrance and deep show windows. The room will be thoroughly overhauled and several improvements added.

YOU ought to know that when suffering from any kidney trouble that a safe, sure remedy is Foley's Kidney Cure. Guaranteed or money refunded. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Boston has 30 public outdoor bathing places.

Recently a ship of only 2,500 tons carried from Para, Brazil, to New York, a cargo of rubber, which was insured for \$3,000,000.

Ex-Secretary Whitney's famous stables at Wheatley are 530 feet in length. The foundation is of brick and the upper structure of pine.

There is nearly \$13,000,000 in the United States treasury, the proceeds of sales of cotton which fell into the federal hands during the civil war. This money belongs to the owners of the cotton or their heirs, if they can prove their claims.

Men exposed to the rigors of the Alaskan winter never wear mustaches. They wear full beards to protect the throat and face, but keep the upper lip clean shaven. The moisture from the breath congeals so quickly that a mustache becomes imbedded in a solid cake of ice and the face is frozen in a short time.

The famous Blue grotto of Capri has now a rival in the state of Minnesota. It occurs in a lake on the shore of which there is a cavern of white limestone flooded with water. A swimmer enters the cave and, turning to look outward, sees the most beautiful shades of green and blue in the water and a silvery sheen over his submerged limbs.

The average man, living for 50 years, consumes between 14 and 15 tons of bread in a lifetime. The weight of solid food of all kinds he consumes aggregates the startling total of a fraction less than 55 tons, while on the basis of three pints of fluids per day he consumes 42½ tons of liquid. Think of the woman's toll in preparing this amount of food and drink.

At Fort Gibson, in the Indian Territory, 60 miles south of Coffeyville, stands the house that was occupied by Jeff Davis while he did garrison duty there as a lieutenant before the Mexican war. He went to the old fort just after marrying Gen. Taylor's daughter, and was there several years. The old house has been beaten by the storms this spring until the chimneys at the ends have fallen.

SURGERY BILL FOR A CAT.

Tabby's Nose Was Cured by Dr. Bergerac and He Had to Be Changed.

Timson, a large tortoise Angora cat, owned by Mrs. Samuel Rawley, a wealthy woman, living on a farm about six miles from St. Louis, had an operation performed on his face recently, to the like of which probably no cat ever before was subjected.

Timson was a feline De Bergerac. All his native charm and beauty, his shyness and the courtly manners inherited from a proud, unbroken line of ancestors, were spoiled by a big yellow smudge on his nose. For Timson to assume Beau Brummel airs with that plebeian yellow nose was as absurdly impossible as Chuck Connors in an opera hat.

If science, through the agency of dermatology, could remove the blemish, it should be removed. Correspondence was opened with a prominent surgeon, and after the nature of the blemish had been minutely described to him he consented to remove it, and suggested that Timson be forwarded to his clinic in New York.

After examination of the stricken nose the doctor announced that electricity was the only means which could be employed to remove the tortoise-like hair, and that after it had been taken out the nose would have to be blistered slightly to insure that the hair would grow in white.

The electrical needles, he admitted, would be more or less painful, and after watching his patient sinking his long claws into his blanket and then draw them out, as though to keep himself in training, he decided to administer an anesthetic.

After Timson had succumbed to its influence the needles were applied and one by one the disgusting hairs were removed. As the patch covered more than two inches on each side of the nose, the operation was necessarily a long and tedious one, and it was more than an hour before it was completed and Timson was brought to.

A light blister was applied then, and the patient put to bed. The experiment was a great success. No complications set in, and beyond an annoying irritation caused by the blister Timson suffered no inconvenience. He was around again in two or three days, and already a soft white down had taken the place of the ugly blotch. The operation, including the fee and the doctor's expenses, amounted to \$90.—N. Y. Sun.

Drinking Ice Water in Summer.

Ice water is preferable to ice water—iced water being cooled by the ice without being brought in direct contact with it. If the ice that is placed in the water were of the same water as that in which it is used, the results of drinking ice water would not be so detrimental to the system, but the mixture of the two kinds of water forms one of the objectionable features. The less ice water one drinks the better. Ice water increases one's thirst—that is, there is a greater tendency to desire drink, inasmuch as ice water slakes the thirst for a moment, but does not quench it. Avoid cold drinks with meals, unless the stomach is sufficiently strong to react quickly; if not, digestion is retarded, for no food can be digested unless the temperature of the stomach is at 98 degrees Fahrenheit. Also avoid eating those things which create an undue thirst.—Ladies' Home Journal.

His Way.

Mrs. Moon—Dr. Coffin brings in some very large bills, doesn't he? Moon—Yes; he usually charges five dollars per guess.—Puck.

One Minute Cough Cure quickly cures obstinate summer coughs and colds. "I consider it a most wonderful medicine—quick and safe."—W. N. Merton, May-bew, W. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling, East End Drug Store.

"One baby was sick for a month with severe cough and catarrhal fever. Although we tried many remedies she kept getting worse until we used One Minute Cough Cure—it relieved at once and cured her in a few days."—B. L. Nance, Prin. High School, Buffalo, Texas. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling, East End Drug Store.

SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

In the African elephant both ears have ivory tusks, while in the Asiatic they are generally restricted to the tusk.

The copper production of the United States in the year 1898 was the largest ever recorded in a single year, or a total of \$35,000,232 pounds of fine copper, which was an increase over 1897 of 34,528,937 pounds, or 6.8 per cent.

A New York exchange states that farmers have been wasting cornstalks to the value of \$900,000,000 a year. They are good for "hole-stoppers" for battle ships, cardboard, paper, foundation for dynamite, cattle food and glue. The difficulty, however, is to sell them for the money.

M. Piatti dal Pozzo, an engineer from Tunis, has invented a deep sea diving apparatus, which has been tried without accident at a depth of 170 feet near Cherbourg. The inventor declares his purpose of searching for the hull of the Alabama, which lies where she was sunk by the Kearsarge, off Cherbourg harbor.

According to Prof. Packard, in the fifth report of the United States entomological commission, the oak tree is inhabited by 412 species of insects, the willow by 223, the pine by 170, the hickory by 170, the birch by 117, the maple by 102, the poplar by 100, the elm by 62, the chestnut by 66, the wild cherry by 56, the thorn by 46, the walnut by 44, the butternut by 29 and the wild plum by 21.

People have been poisoned with bread containing salts of lead, which came from the timber used to heat the oven. The Paris council of hygiene has, therefore, forbidden the employment of painted or unpainted wood from old houses, old sleepers impregnated with creosote or sulphate of copper, and disused blocks of wood paving for heating ovens, on the ground that poisonous volatile salts may arise from them and deposit on the roof or floor of the oven.

H. Schaw has invented a method of blasting by electricity and steam combined. Mr. Schaw found by experiment that it would be easy to boil water in a cartridge by using a thin coil of platinum wire through which electricity is sent. The steam pressure within the cartridge would rise to 150 pounds per square inch and far in excess of that. If the water cartridge is successful in mining its application to heavy blasting may be made of use by railroad engineers, western mining concerns and in large quarries.

CULTIVATED DOGS.

Retrievers That Carry Birds So Gently They Scarcely Ruffle a Feather.

A writer on breaking dogs gives several instances of pretty behavior in certain very good pupils. One beautiful retriever is madly anxious to start after the birds, but will never stir until her master gives the word. Till then she stands looking up in his face still as a stone, but at the whispered command she is off like the wind. She has a beautiful "mouth," that is, she can bring in the dead birds without ruffling a feather. This accomplishment evidently gives her a pleasure equal to that of her master; for when she is out for a run, she mischievously "retieves" the domestic ducks by the side of the pond.

At first the owner of the ducks was somewhat indignant over that liberty, but he learned to feel only amusement, no doubt, was true of the ducks also. One bird, to the writer's certain knowledge, was retrieved three times; and at last, when released from the somewhat embarrassing position, she gave herself a shake, and walked off not a bit the worse.

Another dog had so perfect a mouth that he seemed incapable of hurting anything with it. One day, when he was at play in a field with some friends, his master noticed that he was carrying something in which the other dogs were greatly interested. Presently it became evident that a bird's head was protruding from his jaws; and calling him up his master took from him a young thrush, entirely uninjured.

Notwithstanding the excitement of the chase, and the efforts the other dogs had made to catch him, he had carried the bird with the utmost tenderness, never once closing his jaws.

The writer of the article goes on to say most emphatically that these useful and "taking" ways were taught with the aid of kindness and patience, and that the cowardly brute who has to call in the lash, during training, is usually far less intelligent than the dog he abuses.—Blackwood's Magazine.


European Wives of Japanese.

Much has been said about mixed marriages in Japan. On rare occasions they are a success, but this is not generally the case, especially if the wife be the foreigner. I was much interested in a European lady I knew, who had married a Japanese officer. They were a very united couple, and, had it not been for the husband's mother, all might have been well. But in Japan a wife is entirely in subjection to her mother-in-law, who makes the most of this authority, in some cases reducing her son's wife into a sort of upper servant. In the present instance, as long as her husband remained at home, his wife was able to do pretty much as she pleased. When, however, the war broke out and he joined his regiment in China, the mother-in-law entirely regained the upper hand. The European daughter had to abandon her European custom, to adopt Japanese dress for herself and her child, to sit on the floor and live principally on Japanese food. So great was the old lady's power and influence that the western woman did not dare to disobey, but had to submit in silence until her husband's return home, when I am glad to say life once more became bearable to her.—Cornhill Magazine.

The Worm Turns.

"The doctor says you must not take anything that doesn't agree with you," said Mrs. Peck to her invalid husband. "It's lucky for you," replied the sufferer, "that he didn't give me that advice 15 years ago."

"Why is it?" she asked. "Because the chances are you would be an old maid to-day," answered the sick man with a peculiar smile. And just to prove that she could agree with him she wanted to she made no reply.—Chicago Daily News.



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Men's Patent Calf Lace Shoes, Nettleton's make—worth \$5.00, for....	\$3.50
Job lot of Men's Patent Calf Lace Shoes, standard high grade makes, worth \$5.00	\$1.98
Job lot of Men's Low Shoes and Patent Calf Dancing Pumps, worth \$2.00—	99c
Lot of Ladies' Tan Lawn Boots, worth \$3.50 to \$5.00,	\$2.35
Lot of Willow Calf Welt Oxfords, worth \$3.50—	\$1.98
Job lot of Black and Tan Oxfords—not all good sizes, worth \$1.25 to \$3.00—	99c
Lot of Misses' Tan Shoes, good style, worth \$2.00—	\$1.35
Job lot of Boys' and Youths' Patent Calf and Tan Shoes AT HALF PRICE.	
All our A, B and C widths in Children's Shoes, sizes 8½ to 11, for	69c
All our A, B and C widths Children's Shoes, sizes 5½ to 8, for	45c

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On Sunday you can secure a ticket to many points at reduced rates. You can go to Danville and return for \$2.20, field \$1.10, to Jacksonville \$2.18, to St. Louis \$3.60. Through tickets are also sold for Saturday afternoon trains and return up to an including train leaving St. Louis 8 a. m. on Monday. These are just half rates. Half saved in every point are sold at proportionately low rates.

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17-12—Same in youth's size, 13 to 2, worth \$1.50, now only	99c
6-5—Misses' Black Kid Button, Patent Leather Tip, Coat Toe, nice shoe, all sizes, 11 1/2 to 2, \$1.25 grade, only	79c

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Queen Wilhelmina of Holland measures 43 inches around her bust, which is only two inches less than the bust measure of the poorly Queen of England.

G. A. R. excursion to Philadelphia September 1, 2, 3 and 4, Illinois Central railroad will run two chair cars from Decatur without charge, via Niagara Falls and Lehigh Valley railroad. Secure your seats soon and avoid crowded cars, and have a pleasant time. I will accompany the party. T. Peniwell, O. T. A.—18-w&dd

Leo of the Vatican's 11,000 rooms, Pope Leo has reserved for his personal use only three—a small parlor, a little dining room and a bed room.

Alexander Henderson of Syracuse has acted as pall bearer at the funeral of 172 of his friends during the last 50 years.

Notice.

Men wanted to work on the section on the Illinois railroad between Bloomington and Freeport at \$1.30 per day. Board can be obtained at \$3.50 per week. For particulars inquire of the station agent, C. L. Hovey, or write L. A. DOWNS, Roadmaster, Clinton, Illinois.—23-df

WAYS OF THE CUBANS

Afraid to Give Information if Their Names Are Made Public.

Experience of Gen. Ludlow with a Prominent Man Who Came to Complain of Certain Abuses That Existed.

It must appear somewhat strange to some readers of American papers to frequently see allusions, in articles from Cuba, to "A prominent merchant says," or "Certain well-known Cubans say," without giving the names of the people referred to. The reason for this is that it is almost impossible to get information from any one of Latin blood resident in Cuba who thinks that what he says is going into print, unless he has an absolute assurance that he will not be quoted.

As an instance of this, a prominent man the other day called upon Gen. Ludlow and told him of some abuses that were being perpetrated. The general replied that he was very glad that he had come and told him about the matter, as, though he was aware such things were taking place, he had been unable to get the necessary evidence, and he would have his caller's words taken down and typewritten, so that he could sign the document.

"Oh, no," replied the man, "I cannot do that."

"Why?" asked the general.

"Because I do not want to be stabbed in the back."

"Well," responded the general, "I will have the case before the courts and call you as a witness to testify as to what you told me."

"I shall deny it," replied the man; "I shall say you misunderstood me; I cannot afford to have my name connected with it."

It seems to be a trait that is universal through Cuba, and if a man does give an interview where his name appears, and if any exception is taken to anything he has said, and he thinks there is any possibility of it causing him any trouble, he is absolutely sure to deny that he said anything of the kind. Consequently, those writing for the newspapers are very much hampered in their efforts to get the truth, as, if they use the name of the man they got the information from, he is more than apt to deny it, and, on the other hand, if he does not use the name, the people who read the interview are liable to doubt the story on account of the name being withheld.

North Star's are odorless and cleanable.—6-df

READING OUTLINE

For Pupils in County and Village Schools by Supt. Keller.

County Superintendent J. G. Keller has arranged the reading for the pupils in the county and village schools for the coming year. He has selected an author for each month, covering a period of seven months and the examinations will be based on the author outlined for the month, not on any particular selection of that author. The outline follows:

First Month—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow: The Expulsion of the Acadians, The Humbled King, Hiawatha, The Tamed Scholar, The Village Blacksmith, The Reaper and the Flowers, A Psalm of Life, Paul Revere's Ride, Something Left Undone, The Day is Done, Mission of Flowers, Evangeline, The Skeleton in Armour, Hymn of the Churchyard, The Bell of Justice.

Second Month—John Greenleaf Whittier: Maud Muller, The Snow, Skipper Ireson's Ride, The Pipes of Lucknow, Snow Bound, The Schoolmaster, The Legend of the Red, White and Blue, My First Fishing, Our State, The Three Bells, The Palm Tree, King Solomon and the Ants, Trust.

Third Month—William Cullen Bryant: The Conqueror's Grave, Antiquity of Freedom, God's First Temple, To the Poet, Summer Even, Ing, Thanatopsis, The Evening Wind, Song of Marion's Men, The Winds, The Partisan at Scrooby, The Planting of the Appletree, The Human Mind, Our Country's Call, Forest Hymn, To a Water Fowl.

Fourth Month—Oliver Wendell Holmes: Language, The Pilgrim's Vision, The Field of Lexington, Old Ironsides, The Lad of the Great Rebellion, Under the Violets, Army Hymn, The Sparrow's Nest on the Rafter Beam, The Chambered Nautilus, Autocrat of the Breakfast Table, The Boys.

Fifth Month—Washington Irving: The Stolen Rifle, The Widow and Her Son, Christopher Columbus, Forest Trees, The Voyage, Description of a Bee Hunt, The Grave, Rip Van Winkle, The Bobolink, Sorrow for the Dead, An Incident of the Sea, The Sleuth Hook, The Alhambra.

Sixth Month—Nathaniel Hawthorne: My Oratorical Experience, The Coliseum by Moonlight, Roman Scenery, A Bill from the Town Pump, The Town Pump, The Golden Touch, Two-told Tales, Scarlet Letter, The House of Seven Gables, Marble Faun.

Seventh Month—John G. Saxe: Little Jerry, The Miller, The Superfluous Man, The Three Travelers, The Blind Men and the Elephant, I'm Growing Old, The Two Church-Builders.

BARGAINS IN TOMBSTONES.

Advanced Methods in the Funeral Business Adopted Near a City Cemetery.

The approaches to all the cemeteries about New York are lined with stone yards, where headpieces may be had on short notice and in a great variety of styles to suit the varying tastes and degrees of grief or sentiment on the part of the survivors. Tombstones are such cumbersome and heavy ware that they are displayed at the very gates of the graveyards for convenience in making prompt deliveries. The demand for them is reasonably steady, and it would not strike the casual observer that there was much stimulation to an eager competition in the business of supplying them.

It is more surprising, therefore, says the New York Sun, to come across a job lot of headstones at bargain prices. Out in an eastern suburb of the city on Long Island a wheeling tourist came upon an odd spectacle of a mark-down sale of tombstones the other day.

All goods were marked in plain figures in the regular and much approved manner of the great department stores. The prices were attractive and the manner of their exhibition was enough to tempt one to lay in a supply against the time when in the course of nature he might need something in this line.

Littered in white paint were all styles, shapes and sizes in granite monuments—plain polished and ornate. This style, \$395. "Very fine at \$48." "A beauty, only \$14.50." and "Reduced to \$20," were some of the legends. The stonecutter stood, like a floorwalker, among his wares, wearing an inviting smile, while a rival dealer across the way looked on with scorn all over his grimy face at the advanced business methods of his neighbor.

\$1 Excursion to Decatur, Ill., Sunday, August 27th, 1899.

On Sunday, August 27, 1899, the Indiana, Decatur and Western Ry. will run a special train Indianapolis to Decatur, Illinois, and return, for which tickets will be sold at one dollar for the round trip, good on special train only. Grand band tournament at Decatur. All the best brass bands in western Indiana and central Illinois on the program. For tickets, time of train, etc., apply to any L. D. & W. Ry. agent, or address John S. Lazarus, G. P. A., Indianapolis Ind.

That Throbbing Headache

Would quickly leave you, if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have proved their matchless merit for Bick and Nervous Headaches. They make pure blood and build up your health. Only 25 cents. Money back if not cured. Sold by J. E. King and C. F. Shilling.

GRAIN-O BRINGS RELIEF

to the coffee drinker. Coffee drinking is a habit that is universally indulged in and almost a universal curse. Have you tried Grain-O? It is almost like coffee but the effects are just the opposite. Coffee opens the stomach, ruins the digestive organs, excites the heart and disturbs the whole nervous system. Grain-O tones up the system, keeps the bowels regular and the blood pure. It is not a stimulant but a tonic. Grain-O. It can't be otherwise. 15 and 25c per package.

MUST HAVE \$5000

Corn Carnival Will Cost the City That Much.

COMMITTEES WERE NAMED

At the Meeting Last Night and Persons were Selected to Solicit from Different Businesses Men.

The executive committee of the corn carnival held a meeting last night at the office of H. S. Tyler and transacted some important business. The chairman of other committees were named and the question of finance was discussed. The general committee selected were as follows:

Finance—B. Z. Taylor chairman, George A. Stadler and Will Linn. Building and Decorating—L. W. Cook chairman. Advertising—David Folnath chairman. Transportation—O. A. Pollock chairman. Exhibits—b. W. Johns chairman. Attractions—Frank W. Haines chairman. Street Sports and Contests—James Hughes chairman. Music—Mont Peniwell. Parade—W. H. Elwood chairman. The chairman of each of the above committees have power to select two others to assist on the committee.

FINANCE.

The executive committee wishes to announce to the public that they find it necessary to have not less than \$5000 to carry on the carnival successfully and that they will not take any other steps until the money is promised. The finance committee decided to divide up the work of soliciting and appointed the following to solicit among the different lines of business:

Clothing—A. Kantman, Frank Elwood and Max Maienthal. Dry Goods—W. H. Linn and B. Bradley. Grocers—George A. Stadler, Will Heilman, S. D. May. Boots and Shoes—Bert Hardy, B. F. Dobo and Mr. Rogers. Druggists and Jewelers—John E. King, E. A. West and Frank Cortis. Banks—B. O. McReynolds, J. M. Brownback. Real Estate and Insurance—Peter Bruock, C. W. Montgomery. Cigars and Tobacco Stores—L. Friebourg, Fred Wismer and Thomas Quinn. Grain and Milling Industries—W. L. Shellabarger, H. I. Baldwin and W. H. Sufferin. Hardware and Plumbing—O. M. Hurst, W. H. Elwood. Furniture Stores—Will Bachman, G. W. Scovill. Hotels and Saloons—Charles Lutz, Charles Robbins, G. A. Keller. Lawyers—Frank Roby, J. M. Gray and I. A. Buckingham. Physicians and Dentists—Dr. R. L. Walston, Dr. J. H. Eddy and Dr. F. A. Warnes. Factories and Retail Implement Houses—Wilson Bering, A. B. Montgomery, Robert Mueller, Will Morris. Harness Stores, Livery and Feed Yards—W. H. Starr, O. M. Caldwell, Ed Hill. Butchers and Bakers—A. W. Conklin, C. M. Imboden, Oscar Danzelsen. Coal and Ice Dealers—Alex McGorray, P. D. Caldwell. Traveling Men—O. J. McConnell, Fred Tuttle.

The members of the above committees are requested to meet at the city council rooms on Friday evening, when the finance committee will furnish each of the soliciting committees with subscription books. The committees will go to work at once endeavoring to secure the necessary money. The executive committee will not take any further steps until they know how they are going to stand financially.

STRUCK BY A CAR.

John Bickie Met with an Accident Last Night on Cerro Gordo Street.

John Bickie, the East Main street saloonkeeper, was injured last night. He was driving at the corner of East Cerro Gordo and Church streets when he was struck by an Edward street car. When the car struck the rig Mr. Bickie was thrown about 80 feet. He struck the pavement on his knees and elbow and plowed the ground with his face. He was badly bruised and cut but no bones were broken. Those who witnessed the accident thought that the man was surely killed. The patrol wagon was called and Mr. Bickie was taken to his home on Morgan street.

New departure lawn mowers at Scovill's.—8-df

Prevented a Tragedy.

Timely information given Mrs. George Long, of New Straitsville, Ohio, saved two lives. A frightful cough had long kept her awake every night. She had tried many remedies and doctors but steadily grew worse until urged to try Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle wholly cured her; and she wrote, this marvelous medicine also cured Mr. Long of a severe attack of pneumonia. Such cures are positive proof of its power to cure all throat, chest and lung troubles. Only 50c and \$1.00. Guaranteed. Trial bottles 10c at J. E. King and C. F. Shilling Drug Store.

FOUR HAPPY WEDDINGS.

Three in Decatur and One in the Country.

HAMBRECHT-GODFREY.

At the parsonage of St. Patrick's church at 9:30 o'clock on Wednesday evening Miss Alice Godfrey and Louis Hambrecht were married by Rev. Father Moore of Newman, Ill. Miss Annie Kelley and Michel Godfrey were the attendants. Following the ceremony a wedding supper was served at the home of Mrs. A. J. Lowry of North and Stone streets. The couple will go to housekeeping on South Jackson street.

BAIRD-CHARNOCK.

Miss Bessie Charnock and Lazere Baird of the firm of Williams & Baird, job printers of North Water street, were married on Wednesday afternoon by Rev. Frost Craft at the First M. E. parsonage. The ceremony was witnessed by James Charnock, father of the bride and Miss Lynch, a relative of the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Baird will reside at 238 East Condit street.

FLOYD-CONNARD.

Miss Clara Stevens of this city and Charles Monroe, formerly of Decatur were married at Davenport, Iowa, on Monday. They will make their home at Davenport.

ELWIN WEDDING.

Miss Hattie Dorothy Connard and William Floyd were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Connard in South Wheatland township on Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. A. L. Plowman of the Decatur M. E. circuit officiating.

The nuptials were witnessed by a company of 60 friends and relatives of the couple. Following the ceremony a wedding supper of five courses was served by Mrs. Garrett of Decatur. The parlors and dining room were decorated with flowers and plants. The bride wore a gown of white Paris muslin and carried bride's roses. The full ring ceremony was used. The marriage was one of unusual interest because of the prominence of the couple. The bride is one of the most popular young women of the township in which she resides. She attended the Decatur High school and finished her studies at the Normal University. She has been very prominently identified in the work of the church and held an enviable position in the social circles. The groom is a young farmer who is energetic and competent. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd will visit for a time with relatives at Decatur and Elwin and during the latter part of September will leave for Southern California, where they will make their home. Mr. and Mrs. George E. Connard, Mr. and Mrs. Martin E. Connard, Mrs. Nellie LeFurge and Mrs. Smallwood of Decatur were in attendance at the wedding. Other guests from a distance were Miss Blanchard of Versailles and Charles H. Connard of Chicago.

Birthday Surprise.

On Wednesday evening Mrs. J. R. Smith entertained about 50 young people at her home on North Church street in honor of the birthday anniversary of her sister, Miss Hannah Chappel. The supper was served on the lawn. The affair was a surprise for Miss Chappel.

Two gasoline stove accidents Saturday. Had they used an insurance gasoline stove they never would have happened.—4-df

Fresh oysters at Singdo.—24-df

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

New Books Ready for Distribution Friday Morning, August 23.

FICTION.

Armstrong—Girl's Loyalty.
Bacon—Lyddy.
Obetwode—Knight of the Golden Chain.
Chunhill—Richard Carrel.
Crockett—Red Axe.
Davis—Wire Cutters.
Findlater—Daughter of Strife.
Findlater—Over the Hills.
Fish—Short Rations.
Fowler—Concerning Isabel Carnaby.
Ginsling—Emancipated.
Haines—Wind Jammers.
Harraden—Fowler.
James—Awkward.
Keightley—Silver Cross.
King—Trooper Calahad.
Mason—Minister of Carthage.
Mason—Wind Flower.
Montross—False Coin or Truet.
Montross—One Who Looked On.
Out of Town.
Parker—Hill of Pains.
Raine—By Barrow Banks.
Raymond—Love and Quiet Life.
Raymond—Tryphena in Love.
Richardson—Pamela.
Schwartz—Vassar Studies.
Scott—Prisoners and Captives.
Sienkiewicz—In Vain.
Stannard—Wedlock.
Todd—Windyhaugh.
Walford—Archdeacon.
Whiting—No. 5 John Street.

JUVENILE FICTION.

Barton—When Boston Braved the King.
Blatchford—Story of Little Jane and Me.
Lothrop—Stories Polly Pepper Told.
Munroe—Shine Terrill.
Raymond—Daughter of the West.
Upham—Little Miss Faith.
Upham—Rosebud Club.
Upham—Queer Janet.
Upham—Twist You and Me.

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When the cheering finally subsided, the president said: "I have said more than I intended to in response to your warm welcome."

There were shouts of "Go out! Go out!" but the president, after again expressing his thanks, sat down. The cheers again broke out and continued for several minutes.

After the speech, the president drove back to Long Branch, where he attended the horse show.

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